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MENT ON U.S.-CANADIAN FISHERIES RELATIONS

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BRUSSELS PLEASE PASS AMBASSADOR LLOYD CUTLER

1. BOTH CTV AND CBC EVENING NEWSCASTS OF JULY 1 REPORTED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD SIGNED HR12571 AND HAD EXPRESSED HOPE THAT NOW U.S. AND CANADIAN FISHERMEN ON BOTH COASTS COULD RETURN TO THE TRADITIONAL FISHING PATTERNS. THE ELECTRONIC MEDIA NEWS ITEMS ALSO MENTIONED THE PRESIDENT'S INSTRUCTIONS TO AMBASSADOR CUTLER TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RESTORE RECIPROCAL FISHING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THE LONG-TERM MARITIME NEGOTIATIONS COULD PROCEED. ESSENTIALLY THE SAME EMPHASIS WAS GIVEN TO THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT BY CBC RADIO NEWSCASTS ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JULY 2.

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2. ON JULY 3, MOST PAPERS CARRIED A CP STORY, OF WHICH THE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS: "PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER'S LEGISLATION, SIGNED EARLIER SATURDAY, WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY LEAD CANADA TO DROP ITS FISHING BAN, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT SAYS. DEREK BURNEY, AIDE TO EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER DONALD JAMIESON, SAID

SATURDAY THE LEGISLATION, GIVING MR. CARTER THE AUTHORITY TO LIFT THE BAN ON CANADIAN FISHING IN U.S. WATERS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR IF CANADA AGREES TO LET U.S. FISHERMEN RETURN TO ITS WATERS, DOES NOT CHANGE MATTERS IN ANY SIGNIFICANT WAY.

"MR. BURNEY SAID THE LEGISLATION CONTAINS SOME OF THE BASIC REASONS CANADA WAS UNHAPPY BEFORE IT BANNED U.S. FISHERMEN FROM CANADIAN WATERS."

3. COMMENT: BURNEY SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD US THAT HE NEVER SPOKE TO ANYONE FROM CP AND THAT LATTER COMMENT ABOUT UNHAPPINESS WITH THE LEGISLATION IS CLEARLY INACCURATE. ENDERS

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